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Santa's Corner

Kids sent a message to Santa, in Schomberg.



Arrested for Arson

Three men were arrested for 2010 arson in BWG.



Glad tidings!

The Angel speaks to Mary. Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church held a Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 15, featuring music, songs and carols, and kids in costume, in celebration of the Christmas Story. Churches across the region will be holding services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, to share the glad tidings, that in Bethlehem a Child is born. For information on church services, see pages 22 & 23.

Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

R.I.D.E shocker

South Simcoe Police have completed 3 weeks of the Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign, and the results aren't good.

Officers have stopped only 400 more vehicles than during the same period in 2011 - but the number of Roadside screening tests is up by 93%, and the number of Criminal charges for drinking and driving are up by 84%.

In 3 weeks, South Simcoe police stopped 6,030 vehicles, administered 422 roadside tests, issued 33 WARN range suspensions, 24 Impaired/Over .080 charges, and 9 Controlled Drugs & Substances charges.

The numbers are up despite stiffer penalties. Register a WARN, and the result is a minimum 3 day suspension. For Impaired or Over .080, the result is a 90 day administrative licence suspension, and seizure of the vehicle for 7 days.

Among the "highlights" - or low lights - on December 12, South Simcoe Police set up a RIDE checkpoint on Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona. An eastbound vehicle, driven by a 25 year old Alcona male,

see RIDE Page 31

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Elementary teachers stage 1-day walk-out

Parents received 72 hours' notice from the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, that all Simcoe County elementary teachers and Early Childhood Educators with the Simcoe County District School Board would be staging a one-day walk-out, on Friday, December 14. The Board informed parents that all of its elementary schools

would be closed for the day, as striking teachers set up picket lines in front of their schools, across the County.

Individual teachers declined to comment on the job action, but president of EFTO's Simcoe County Chapter, Janet Bigham said, "Our goal is to send a message to the minister of education that Bill 115 has to be repealed."

Bigham toured some of the picket lines in the Barrie area on Friday, and averred, "(There has been) lots

of support from the public, cars honking on the way by and people stopping to visit" - some of them



bringing coffee to the picketers. She agreed that support is not "100%", but stated that while there are those who are not in agreement, they are in the minority. Teachers

were back in the classrooms on Monday - where they continue to work to rule. The union will be back at the bargaining table, talking with

the Simcoe County District School Board, but Bigham warned, "We won't be reaching an agreement in Simcoe County because we're not going to agree to the Memorandum of Understanding (outlined in Bill 115)." She saw no chance of completing an agreement by the December 31 deadline.

"I'm not sure what December 31 holds. We've never been in this situation where the minister has the ability to impose a collective agreement. We're basically in a wait and see situation," Bigham said. "Bill 115 takes away our right to have true collective bargaining. It takes away our ability to get to the table and get a deal done... We're doing what we can locally and provincially to get the message out to (Education Minister Broten) and we'll just have to wait and see how she responds."

Roberta Bell, The Packet & Times

Students walk out on W.H. Day Elementary

There's been plenty of attention paid to the one-day walkouts by Elementary School teachers, protesting Bill 115 - which threatens to impose contracts on teachers if deals "acceptable" to the Ministry aren't worked out by December 31 - and to high school students,

who walked out to protest the loss of extracurricular programs, as high school teachers carry out an "administrative strike."

But elementary school students

are just as impacted by the loss of extracurricular activities, especially Grade 8 students - and on December 17, the Grade 8s at W.H. Day

see WALKOUT Page 10



Grade 8 Students at W.H. Day Elementary school walk out, December 17.

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our editorial

Deep in psychosis?

Perhaps the only thing more horrifying than the details of the slaughter of the innocents in Newtown, Connecticut, has been the reaction of some gun lobbyists.

In just the last week, the state of Michigan passed a bill allowing concealed weapons in schools. A court struck down the Illinois ban on concealed weapons.

And in an interview on CBC Radio with Anna Maria Tremonti, former NRA lobbyist Richard Feldman suggested that guns are deeply woven into the fabric of American life - that the emotion associated with gun ownership is akin to a religion - and that gun interests would be getting ready to fight any effort to put controls on gun ownership.

Three hundred million guns in a nation of 333 million. Has that made the United States better? Safer? And how did "the right to bear arms" get translated into the right to own assault rifles and semi-automatic handguns with expanded clips?

It used to be the mantra of the NRA that guns don't kill people, people kill people. It's pretty clear at this point that the problem is people with guns.

The question is, are Americans willing to look at controls in an attempt to make society safer - and perhaps give up some of the heavy firepower - or will self-interest, fear, paranoia, mistrust of their own government rule the day?

Just how deep in psychosis is American culture at this point?

Legion plans New Years' Party

Tickets are now available for the Bradford Legion's New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, \$30 per person. Includes a sit-down meal! Call the Legion, 905-775-5025. Tickets must be purchased by December 21 - there will be NO tickets sold at the door this year. At the Legion Hall 115 Back St. in Bradford.

don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

Hosting a wedding, banquet, reception or dance? The banquet room at the Legion is available at reasonable rates. Call 905-775-5025 for details.

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps with the meat for Saturday Dinner. On the first Friday of the month it's Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. following the Meat Roll. All welcome.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You



Theresa Dawson of "Wood'n More" with her cut-out Mrs. Claus, at the annual Ladies Auxiliary Car & Gift Show at the Legion Hall, Sunday, November 25.



R-Teck Steel Roofing of Barrie begins the installation of a new roof at the Auld Kirk on the 6th Line, Dec. 12, by removing old shingles. The wide planks of the roof were in pristine condition, and the company hopes to have the work completed and the building secure before year's end. The Town of BWG has agreed to take ownership of the historic structure.

letters to the editor

Cabana Tan thank-you

To the Editor: The draw for the Food Bank Donation prizes was held Dec. 16 at Cabana Tan. Congratulations to the winners: 3 Regular Ians - Cathie Lampert \$30 food voucher for The Village Inn-Bradford - Susan Featherstone, Kathy Simpson.

BBQ Tool Set - Ilda Pereira Women's Jacket - Cascadia Phillips, Shannon Fraser

Men's Watch - Seife Lefebvre Women's Watch - Megan Walsh Golf Set - Darrell Gibbons Opal Pendant - Fernando Corsetti

I would like to thank all of Cabana Tan's clients, who all made our Toy and Food Drive a successful event.

Jayne Contois, Cabana Tan

Thanks to the Community

To the editor - As director of the Helping Hand Food Bank, I would like to thank all the volunteers. The many hours they give out of their precious time makes the food bank run so smoothly; I consider them to be my friends.

A big thank you to the many, many donors from this wonderful town, from the smallest folk at the Day Care centres, to the Seniors. Without all of the residents, youth groups, services clubs, businesses, employees who donate, many of our citizens would go without the necessities of life. Your generosity, in a town that really cares for its residents, makes a difference. May you all have a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Anne Silvey, Director

Light Up Night success

To the editor: Thank you to everyone who braved the rain and attended Light

Up Night in Cookstown! Despite the rain, it was a warm evening, and a busy one. We had lots of Christmas music this year, with our very own Home Hardware Band, entertaining us throughout the evening, plus carollers, and the Kimberlite Singers, cute as buttons! Thank you to MP Peter Van Loan, MPP Julia Munro, Innesfild Mayor Barb Baguley, Councillors Lynn Doolin, Rod Boynton and Doug Loughheed for helping with our Tree-Lighting Ceremony. Stephen Travers, Town Crier, did an awesome job, filling in for Ralph Wilding. We had hot popcorn scenting the air, and plenty of excitement to share with family and friends. Santa and Mrs. Claus were busy meeting all the children. The Cookstown Santa Parade had over 30 floats this year, and we ended the night once again with a Fire Show at the old fairgrounds, with Denis Bolshon providing a spectacular end to the evening.

There was plenty to see and do. Around the Corners Studio Tour had 9 venues. The Laestadian Lutheran Church held its annual Scandinavian Christmas, and the Library featured the South Simcoe Band, and Friends of the Library serving up refreshments. South Simcoe Theatre presented the musical comedy Nunsense, and the United Church held their annual Ham Supper.

Winners of the Best Decorated Windows were The Healthy Habit, Through the Grapevine, and Story Gourd Workshop. Congratulations - and thank you to Tanger Outlet Mall for supplying the prizes. Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who made Light Up Night a big success. Photos and videos of the evening can be seen on www.cookstown.ca. And if you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, November 2, 2013.

Linda Hobbs, Pres. Cookstown Chapter of Commerce, and Light Up Night Chair

CHATS recommends: Check on aging parents during the holidays

The holiday season is that special time of year, when families get together.

It may also be the time when adult children notice some disturbing changes in their aging parents, especially if they haven't seen those parents in a while.

Forgetfulness, poor eating habits, depression, mobility challenges, lack of proper hygiene are some of the unfortunate changes that can occur as loved ones age. When adult children notice, it can be a shock.

Seniors' organizations such as CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) exist to address these challenges, both for seniors and their family caregivers - and are essential in supporting the health, wellness and independence of seniors, and in meeting the practical and emotional needs of family caregivers.

This holiday season, keep an eye out for the following:

- **How is their appetite?** Do you notice any weight changes? Can your aging parents feed themselves properly, and prepare something to eat if they are hungry?

- **How is their appearance and grooming?**

- **How is their mobility?** Do they have difficulty walking, getting in and

out of chairs, navigating stairs? How is their balance?

- **Do they have irregular sleeping habits?**

- **If they still have a licence, how is their driving ability?**

- **Do they seem forgetful or confused?** Do they have mood swings?

- **Have they ceased social activities, lost interest in hobbies?** Do they seem lonely and isolated?

- **Can they hear the telephone or doorbell?** How is their vision?

- **If you visit their home, is there an unusual degree of mess or clutter, and outdated/spoiled food in the fridge?** Are the rooms, halls and stairs well-lit? Is there a large amount of unopened mail, or late-payment notices?

If your holiday visit raises concerns, it's time to talk to your parent about ways to enhance their quality of life. Determine their needs and wants, and seek out the resources to address them. Three good places to start are 211 (dial 211 or

go to www.211ontario.ca), Doorways to Care (1-866-626-0222) or call 310 (www.310cac.ca) - to link to community health services.

For more information about CHATS see www.chats.on.ca or call 905-713-6596, toll-free at 1-877-452-4287.

A thoughtful gift for a Senior

Not sure what to get a Senior loved one this holiday season? CHATS offers Meals on Wheels - nutritious and tasty meals that offer ease and convenience, and can accommodate special dietary needs. Meals on Wheels gift certificates are available in \$50 and \$100 increments; \$50

entitles your loved one to 5 soups, 5 entrees and five desserts, while \$100 pays for 10 soups, 10 entrees and 10 desserts - or any combination up to \$50 or \$100. Gift Certificates must be purchased in person, at CHATS Bradford or CHATS Aurora. For details call 1-877-452-4287.

Holiday Blood Donor Clinic

Give the Gift of Life this holiday season. From Dec. 3 to Jan. 2, Canadian Blood Services is asking Canadians to give someone a holiday miracle, by donating blood. Over 98,000 donations are needed, coast to coast.

There will be a Holiday Blood Donor Clinic at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford West Gwillimbury - on Friday, December 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. To book an appointment to donate, see www.blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE.



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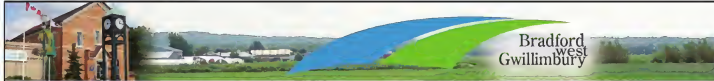
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Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole (after Council Meeting) - Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

• Tues. Jan. 15/13 @ 7:00 p.m.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Active Transportation Committee

Thurs. Jan. 10/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W.

Municipal Heritage Committee

Mon. Jan. 14/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

Seniors Housing Committee

Wed. Jan. 16/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

NOTICES

OFFICE CLOSURE - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Administration Centre will be closed for the Christmas holidays Monday December 24th, 2012 to Tuesday January 1st, 2013. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013.

To view the holiday hours of operation for our recreational facilities as well as program opportunities, please visit www.townofbwg.com.

For public works and after hours Town related emergencies, please contact 905-775-2055 and follow the voice prompts. The Town will continue to provide essential and emergency services during this time. Have a safe and Happy Holidays.

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES
OFFICE CLOSURE - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

TAKE NOTICE that the Leisure Services Administration offices located at 125 Simcoe Road will be closed for the Christmas holidays from noon on Monday, December 24th, 2012 to Tuesday, January 1st, 2013. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND THE FILING OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 34(10.4) AND 34 (12) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, AS AMENDED

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received an application for Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

Owner: L&D Ferragina Ltd.

Location: 1601 Canal Road

File No.: Z-12-16

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 57 Holland Street East, Bradford** to consider the proposed amendment. Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the proposed amendment is to rezone the lands from the Marsh Agricultural "AM" Zone to the Marsh Agricultural Exception "AM-X" Zone to permit one (1) trailer for the accommodation of seasonal farm workers. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment can be made to Tami Kitay, Senior Planner, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Office, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-778-4343, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1403 or email at tkitay@townofbwg.com.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of Council's decision regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to Tami Kitay, Senior Planner, at the address shown in the paragraph above.

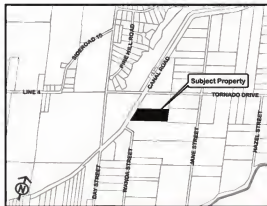
IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available for public inspection Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 20th day of December, 2012.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



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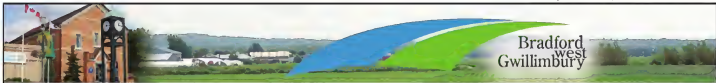
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Construction commenced on July 3, 2011 and will continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321. Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns and someone will return your call.

Thank you for your cooperation

Survive the Holidays – Kitchen Safety

While the holiday season can be one of the most festive times of the year, it also can be one of the deadliest.

The fact that fires have occurred in a number of cities across the province shows that fires can happen anywhere, at anytime. You need to be prepared to protect your family and home.

It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas in your home. Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms can provide you with the early warning you need to escape a fire. Failure to comply with the smoke alarm law can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$100,000.

But the best way to protect your family and home from fire is to prevent one from starting in the first place. Here are a few tips to ensure that you safely enjoy the holiday season.

Many fire deaths are caused by people attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. Don't let this happen in your home. Keep a close eye on diners.

The most common type of cooking fire is cooking left unattended on the stove. Make sure you always stay in the kitchen when cooking, especially when cooking with oil or at high temperatures. Keep a lid by the stove so that if a fire does start, you can slide the lid over the pot to extinguish the fire. Keep combustible materials like plastic spoons and tea towels away from the stove.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Department knows all too well how quickly celebrations can turn to tragedies when you forget to include fire safety in your holiday plans. Consider these simple tips to ensure your family has a safe and happy holiday.

NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 34(10.4) OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, AS AMENDED, IN RESPECT TO A PROPOSED REZONING

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following application under the Planning Act:

Owners: Dual Investments Limited and 2059421 Ontario Limited

Location: 164-180 Holland Street West

File No.: Z-12-17

The applicants are proposing to rezone approximately 369 square metres of outdoor space from the Core Commercial "C1" Zone to the Core Commercial Exception "C1-X" Zone to permit outdoor sales and display, reduce the required number of parking spaces, and reduce the minimum front yard setback. The outdoor sales and display area will be an accessory use to the proposed TSC Store to be located in Units 180-190.

Detailed information regarding the application may be made available for public inspection by contacting Geoff McKnight, Director of Planning & Development Services, at (905) 775-5369 x1401 or gmcknight@townofbwg.com.

Prior to Council making a determination respecting the above-noted application, there will be at least one Public Meeting to give the public an opportunity to make representation. The date of the Public Meeting has not yet been determined. Notice of the Public Meeting will be given at least 20 days before the meeting is held, by way of notice in this newspaper and in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act.

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at the Public Meeting or make written submission to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the passing or refusal of the Zoning By-law amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 20th day of December, 2012.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2013 Summer Employment and Co-op Opportunities

The town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following positions for summer employment in the Department of Leisure Services:

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Day Camp Inclusion Facilitators

Head Day Camp Counsellors

Camp Counsellors

2013-0001

Parks Maintenance

2013-PM01

Events Assistant

2013-EA01

Instructor/Lifeguard

(Spring/Summer)

2013-A001

The Town is also accepting applications for the following co-op opportunities:

Water Co-op (May – August)

2013-WC01

Building Co-op (July – August)

2013-BC01

Wastewater Co-op (July – August)

2013-WW01

Support Analyst (Nov – December)

2013-SA01

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Neil Rombough, co-chair of the Vitality fundraising campaign for the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, accepts a donation of \$4,000 from the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, presented by President Gerda Slykhuus, left, and Chair of Entertainment, Gertrud Erdenberger. The funds represent an installment in the Danube Centre's \$10,000 fundraising pledge - money raised in part through a series of community concerts, including the recent Sgt. Wilson's Army Show.

The Danube Srs. Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. Call 905-775-0612 for information on programs and activities.

Coming up:

There won't be a New Year's Eve party this year, due to declining interest, and rising costs. Instead everyone is invited to the annual

New Year's Levee on January 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop in, meet your executive, and enjoy refreshments - free. Summer In January, on Saturday, January 26 - Lunch and entertainment for only \$10 per person. Watch for details.

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The Rotary Club of Bradford is once again offering Ca\$h Calendars for sale, for 2013. The calendars, which make a great gift or stocking stuffer, offer daily prizes for a whole year, totalling \$25,000 in all. Local sales will benefit The Helping Hand Food Bank, Bradford Community Meal, and Tour for Kids, which supports camps for kids with cancer.

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IODE plays Santa at Bradford Valley New Year's Levees & Events



West Gwillimbury Chapter IODE President Chris Bateman and member Sylvia Luxton carry on a tradition - and present gifts for residents of Specialty Care's Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre to Resident Association president Ivan Simmonds.

The IODE, a women's organization that focuses on education, literacy, family and citizenship, has been bringing gifts to Bradford Valley every Christmas since the Centre opened, about 10 years ago. In the background, the Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor's Christmas Tree, purchased in a sealed bid auction at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, and donated to Bradford Valley.

The Hon. David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, invites residents to the **Lieutenant Governor's 2013 New Year's Levee** on Tuesday, January 1, in the LG's suite at Queen's Park, from 12 to 2 p.m. Visitors can also view two exhibits - 60 in 60: An exhibition celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Room. Refreshments will be provided. The event is wheelchair accessible.

The Executive at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., host their annual **New Year's Levee** at the Centre, from 1 to 3 p.m. on January 1. Drop in for refreshments and good company.

Innisfil Mayor & Council invite the community to a **free New Year's Day Skate**, January 1 at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, 2-4 p.m. The YMCA will also provide free swim 'n' gym!

Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen hosts the **Mayor's New Year's Levee**, Sunday, January 6, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Hall, 200 Doug Duncan Drive. Refreshments and entertainment.

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Grade 8s walk out

WALKOUT from Page 2

Elementary School staged a walk-out of their own.

"Because they're taking away any of our sports, all of our after school programs, field trips - and Grad," said Cameron, referring to the Graduation ceremonies that are usually held in the evening, at the end of the school year.

Initially more than 30 Grade 8s walked out, holding hand-made signs - but most returned to the classroom, after Principal Steve Peck intervened. "I went out and chatted with them,

and explained that the laws that govern students are different than the laws that govern workers, and teachers are workers," Peck said. He

added that as Principal, "I couldn't support (the walkout)," since it is his job to keep the students inside and safe - "but I did empathize with their frustrations."

Although he could not support the action, Peck called it "a valuable experience" and a lesson in civil liberty and responsibility.

Only a small group stayed outside and continued to protest. "We're standing for what we believe in," said Brenleigh.

Peck was asked if graduation ceremonies were at risk. "That's up to what happens between the teachers and the Ministry," he said. "Grad's not until the end of June" - and hopefully there will be a resolution before then.

SMCDSB ratifies agreement

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association-Occasional Teachers have both ratified the collective agreement reached on November 26. The District School Board voted on Dec. 5, and the Occasional Teachers on Dec. 11, to ratify the new agreement.

The agreement has now been sent to the Ministry of Education for

review, and approval. The collective agreement, parties say, is based upon the memorandum of understanding signed by OECTA and the Provincial government on July 5, 2012.

"This is our first collective agreement to be ratified by both sides," said Director of Education Brian Beal, thanking the teachers, staff and trustees for their hard work in reaching the agreement.

Emily's gift, from the heart!



Emily is only 7, a Grade 2 student at W. H. Day Elementary School, but her parents have every reason to be proud. Emily decided on her own to grow her hair to help kids who lost their own hair due to cancer and chemotherapy. On Dec. 5, she donated 11 inches of her blonde hair to Locks of Love, to make wigs for kids - with thanks to Frank Melco of Cattiva Hair Salon in Etobicoke, who generously gave Emily her new haircut.

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BDHS Students Adopt-a-Family!



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Despite labour unrest and loss of extracurricular activities, students and staff at Bradford District High School still managed to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program for the Helping Hand Food Bank, raising funds to purchase gifts for 25 families, with 48 children. "Classes and teachers throughout the school did fundraising for them," said Guidance teacher Jennifer Brake. "Some classes did sales, some just donated spare change, some brought in a toy or cash donation. "We also have had wonderful donations from BDHS families," and from the community at large, including the donation of a large box of books by Scholastic Canada. "To the families and community members that participated and donated - thank you so much! Together we raised over \$7000 in gifts," said Brake.

International acclaim for Fieldcrest

Teacher Mali Bickley and her class at Fieldcrest Elementary School have been on the cutting edge of interactive media and international education - and recently won 1st place in the Elementary School Category, at the MY HERO International Film Festival in Los Angeles.

The MY HERO Project is dedicated to connecting and inspiring kids around the world. The Project held its 8th annual International Film Festival and Awards Ceremony on December 15 - highlighting young film makers who focused on the efforts of humanitarians and individuals to combat war, disease, hunger, prejudice, and environmental degradation.

Bickley's students won 1st place with their claymation short film, "The Rainforest Fable" - inspired by self-described "Eco-Warrior" Emily Hunter, who visited their classroom,

and shared information on the devastation caused by the expansion of the palm oil industry.

Other Canadian winners at the festival include winner of the People's Choice Award, 20 year old Slater Jewell-Kemker, for his film "An Inconvenient Youth."

1st place in the Music Video category went to the One Voice Music Project, which linked 15 Vancouver-based musicians, in 10 locations, addressing and combating the growing sense of urban isolation in the city.

Giovanna Gatto took 1st in the Heroic Individual Category for her documentary short, *Life with Lupus*.

And several films from the Peace It Together organization out of Vancouver, that brought together Israeli and Palestinian kids, also won awards.

The winning films will be posted online at www.myhero.com/winners

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A generous season

Food Drive at Prestige Tattoo

Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

From left, Drew Flury, Anne Silvey, Prestige owner Steve King, and employee Stephanie Ladouceur - presenting a cash donation to the local food bank.

Prestige Tattoo - a fully licensed tattoo studio located at 95 Holland St. West in Bradford - is hosting its first annual "Tattoos for a Cause" food drive for the Helping Hand Food Bank.

The food drive will run from December 10, to January 3, and customers who donate at least 2 non-perishable food items will immediately receive a 25% off coupon for all tattoos, merchandise and gift certificates at Prestige Tattoo, a state-of-the-art facility that adheres to sterilization guidelines, and uses non-allergenic inks.

On December 18, Helping Hand

director Anne Silvey dropped by the studio to pick up the first several bags of donations of food for the Food Bank - and a gift of \$300 presented by owners Steve King and Ashley Lee, and Drew Flury, "from our families to your families."

Prestige Tattoo launched the food drive in recognition that the challenging economic times are causing many families to go without, and placing a strain on the resources of the food bank.

"We hope that our annual food drive will bring awareness to those who are in need throughout the Bradford region and beyond."

Christmas Kettle Campaign wraps up

With Christmas only days away, the Salvation Army is calling on Canadians to help fill the Christmas Kettles. The Salvation Army has raised \$11.9 million so far this season - but is \$9.1 million short of its \$21 million goal. In Bradford, kettles

are at the LCBO and Walmart - and residents are urged to be generous, to assist those in the community who are in need. Donations can be accepted until Christmas Eve - or online at www.FillTheKettle.com or 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

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From left, Sales Rep Luisa Perdiz and Della Whitlam, Classifieds, present a cheque to Helping Hand Food Bank Director Anne Silvey, at the office of The Bradford Times, 74 John St. West.

Scouts' New Years Bottle Drive

1st Bradford Scouting is holding a Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 5, 2013 - raising funds to help offset the cost of sending Bradford Youth to the Canadian Jamboree, July 6 to 13, 2013, at Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

Scouts (in uniform) will begin knocking on doors around 9:15 a.m. on January 5, asking for donations of refundable bottles - beer bottles, cans, wine bottles, tetra packs, spirit bottles.

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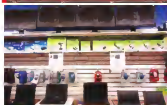


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Santa's Corner!



After a slow start, the annual Rotary Club of Bradford Christmas Toy Drive really took off - with donations filling a corner of Decorator's Edge Paint & Wallpaper, the drop-off point for new and unwrapped gifts. This is what it looked like, after a load of toys was taken to the Helping Hand Food Bank. Below, kids have a message for Santa at the Schomberg Main St. Christmas.

Skate with Santa, free at the King City Arena on December 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the local Lions Club.

Christmas By Lamplight, Dec. 22 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway in Toronto. Ballroom dancing, taffy pulls, chestnuts roasting over an open fire - and a traditional turkey dinner is available at 2 and 4:30 p.m., by reservation. Advanced tickets are required; see www.blackcreek.ca or call 416-667-6295.

Innisfil Fire Station #3 Volunteer Firefighters will be driving "Santa through the Village" in Street, Innisfil, on Sunday, December 23, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Santa will be saying hello to all the little boys and girls - and handing out little bags of goodies.

Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket

invites shoppers to Celebrate the Season, at the annual **State Farm Festival of Trees for Southlake**. The annual event features Sponsor Trees in the lower level, to January 2 - beautifully decorated by sponsors of the event, with proceeds to Southlake Regional Health Centre. Shoppers can vote for their favourite!

see **SANTA** Page 15



Clay, Gary, Debbie, Garrett

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Rezoning could impact plans for Srs.' Housing

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has passed a new and amended Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the entire municipality on Tuesday - with one exception. Council hesitated to rezone 2490 - 10 Sideroad (the St. John's Presbyterian Church property) to match the land's current designation in the Official Plan.

The church was built prior to 2006, when the entire area was included in Official Plan Amendment 9, expanding the Bradford Settlement Area. The designation: "Special Policy Area."

However, in 2010, the church was "inadvertently" rezoned Institutional - which doesn't match the designation. The problem? The Town now wants to change the zoning to match the designation, but that would make it difficult for St. John's to build a Retirement Home on its acreage - without seeking a lengthy and costly Official Plan Amendment.

"We're taking that ability away from the church," agreed Director of Planning & Development Geoff McKnight, who suggested "they should never have had that permission... The permissions in the zoning should reflect what is in the Official Plan."

He noted that the Church had been advised of the zoning error over a year ago, and advised that a future update to the by-law would correct the mistake.

Senior Planner Tammy Klay warned against ignoring the conflict between the Official Plan and the Zoning. That's one of the first questions asked at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, she said; unless the error is corrected, "I will have to tell the Board that Council passed a By-law not in compliance with the Official Plan."

But Councillor Ron Simpson noted that St. John's Presbyterian has invested time and money in the proposal for a retirement home. "If we pass this this evening, we're just chopping them off at the knees." Simpson recommended leaving the zoning as is, even

though it conflicts with the Official Plan. "This Town is in dire need of retirement homes. We're not making much headway... The OP is only a land use document. The

see ZONING Page 31



Santa Claus paid a visit to EduKids Child Care Centre in Bradford, Dec. 12, and gave out gifts of books to the kids.

SANTA from Page 14

The Elman Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, presents its *Gallery of Trees* - trees decorated to fit different time periods, from Victorian and Edwardian, to Retro. On Display at the Museum on December 29. Admission is free. For information, call 905-953-5314.

Newmarket Riverwalk Commons, at 200 Doug Duncan Drive, will feature a *Winter Wonderland of lights*, 6 to 9 p.m. every evening from December 6 to 31. The Tim Hortons Express train will also operate, providing tours of the lights (weather permitting), Dec. 6 to 23, and 27-30.

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Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 29

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In Ontario alone, there are more than 120 registered counts this year - with Ontario Nature member groups organizing nearly half of them - from Point Pelee in the south, to Thunder Bay and Ottawa in the north.

Counts are conducted over a 24 hour period, and involve birders of all ages and experience. And this year, there is no charge to participate.

In the Bradford West

Gwillimbury area, the National Audubon Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for December 29th - the 14th year that local volunteers will turn out to count bird species and numbers.

"We are also encouraging those of you who have feeders to put out seed and contact us to let us know on the 29th what bird visitors you attract," says local naturalist, Peter Wukasz. "With birds such as Belted Kingfisher, Bohemian Waxwings, Snow Owls and Redpolls visiting our area, we are excited to see how many species we will find."

The local event is being promoted through the

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The data collected allows researchers and conservation organizations to study the health of bird populations across North America. The information tracks bird populations and ranges, says John Urquhart, Ontario Nature's conservation science manager. "This is a cost-effective way that conservation organizations to identify trends, so we can undertake conservation work where it's needed most."

The Christmas Bird Count dates back to 1900, when American ornithologist Frank Chapman suggested an alternative to the once-popular Christmas hunt. In that first year, 27 people counted birds at 25 locations. In 2011, 63,000 volunteers counted more than 60 million birds.

In Canada, the Count is co-ordinated by Bird Studies Canada; for more information, see www.ontariounature.org/cbc

Carolling in Nature




Photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Above, Brenda Winter (left) leads the Carolling in Nature, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, Dec. 16. Below, little caroller sings Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer

Pouring rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the small but vocal group who came out to "Carol in Nature" at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, just north of Bradford, on December 16.

The annual event usually involves sitting around a campfire, singing favourite carols, from Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer to O Come All Ye Faithful. But with the rain pouring down, and wet, sodden grass, the Carolers kept close by the Nature Centre as they sang - and then retired indoors, to enjoy the free cookies, and hot chocolate donated by Tim Hortons.

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A green Christmas

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A fundraiser for Paul

As of Wednesday, Paul Zammit is back home in Bradford, with his fiancée LeeAnn and his baby Weston - back from months of rehabilitation at the Lyndhurst Centre, following a devastating accident that partially severed his spinal cord.

At the moment, he can only access the first floor of his home; a lift installed in the garage makes that much of the house accessible for his wheelchair. The home still needs to be retrofitted, with wider doors to the washrooms, and a lift to the upper floor, before it will be totally accessible, and Zammit still faces months of ongoing rehabilitation at Lyndhurst, although his progress has been good.

Thanks to a fundraiser organized by CTV anchor Jayne Pritchard, Zammit's family and friends, he now has the financial resources to get at least some of the work done.

A Community Fundraiser for Paul, held at the Bradford

Legion on December 16, raised an amazing \$21,000, through a combination of draws, a Silent Auction, and donations.

There was food - including Pizza donated by Pizza Pizza - live music, and plenty of hugs, especially when Paul Zammit rolled in, in his wheelchair, joined by parents Winnie and Joe

Zammit, LeeAnn and baby Weston.

"It'll be good to be home, and back with the family," he said, as guests at the fundraiser applauded his arrival. Pritchard - whose son has been friends with Zammit for years - later said she was overwhelmed by the response and the generosity of those who came out to help out a young family.

Photos: Paul Zammit (centre) surrounded by (clockwise from left) Winnie and Joe Zammit, CTV Anchor Jayne Pritchard, Zammit's fiancée LeeAnn, and son Weston.



Community fundraisers: Scouts' Dinner

1st Bradford Scouting is holding a **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Bond Head Community Hall, on Saturday, January 12, starting at 5 p.m. - a fundraiser to help cover the cost of sending Bradford Youth and Leaders to the Canadian Jamboree, July 6 to 13, 2013, at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. The Dinner will consist of Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, and a Dessert made by Scouting youth, plus tea, coffee or juice, for only \$10. There will also be a Silent Auction, to run until the end of the meal.

Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford invites the public to a **Second Hand Shop** at the church, 62 Church St., open every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or

whenever the Second Hand Shop sign is on display. Note: Donations of lightly-used and very clean items would be appreciated.

Random Cups of Kindness

Tim Hortons restaurants have caught the holiday spirit - and from December 18 to 22, will be handing out Random Cups of Kindness: \$2 gift cards, good for a free coffee. David Clanachan, COO of Tim Hortons, noted, "With the hustle and bustle of the season upon us, we thought this would be the perfect time to show our appreciation and randomly surprise many of our loyal guests with a free order."

Guests were also encouraged to share their experiences on Twitter, using the hashtag *#randomcupsofkindness* or post their experiences and photos on Facebook. Every day during the 5-day campaign, 100 Canadians who mention Tim Hortons in their tweets will receive a Tim card.

Meaningful Gifts

World Vision salutes local readers who have been giving gifts that matter. Last year alone, more than 74 Bradford residents used the World Vision gift catalogue to purchase \$10, 100 worth of essential items, ranging from livestock, to clean water, to medical supplies, for families in developing countries. See *Worldvision.ca*

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to B'ford Residents!

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Peter, Justin & Aydan

Progress for Downtown Bradford

Bradford West Gwillimbury continues to make progress in its efforts to improve and revitalize the

aging downtown core of Bradford. On December 18, Council passed two key by-laws - 2012-133 and 2012-134 - formally designating Downtown Bradford as a Community Improvement Plan area, and adopting a Community Improvement Plan for the downtown as proposed by Sierra Planning & Management, through Official Plan Amendment 21.

Adopting a Community Improvement Plan gives the town a "toolkit" of incentives not otherwise permitted by the Municipal Act, including grant and loan programs.

Council also received the December 5 Minutes of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, which has been reviewing the Ainley Group's Conceptual Designs for the reconstruction of Holland St., from Collings to Disette.

The Committee has recommended that two of the options presented - Options 3 and 5 - be "further refined and developed," and brought back for further consideration.

Option 3 proposes 3 lanes - 2 through lanes, with a continuous centre turn lane - and parking along one side of Holland. Widened sidewalks and boulevards and a bicycle lane are also part of the design.

Option 5 would also widen the sidewalks, but restrict traffic to 2 lanes, and permit no onstreet parking, from Collings to Disette.

Councillor Peter Dykje Jr. noted that the December meeting was attended by all of Council. "Everyone showed up and showed an interest," he said.

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Talking turkey, at Wimpy's



Above, Wimpy's Diner has reopened in Bradford. Right, Rob serves up turkey. Below, new owners Sandy & Chris.



Wimpy's Diner at 305 Barrie St. in Bradford reopened just three months ago, and new owners Sandy and Christopher Radevski say the response from the community has been terrific.

"The community welcomed us so much!" said Sandy - which is one reason why they decided to participate in the annual Free Turkey Dinner, a tradition at many Wimpy's Diners from coast to coast.

"Many of the other Wimpy's have done it in the past," she noted - so when they were asked if they'd like to take part, "we said we'd love to do it!"

On December 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., all of the staff at Wimpy's donned red and white "Santa" hats, and served up a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and apple pie for dessert - for free. The booths were filled, and diners waited patiently for seats.

How many were in for the free turkey dinner? "We have no idea," Sandy said - but the restaurant was prepared for the influx of over 80 happy diners.

Wimpy's Diner, 305, Barrie St. in Bradford, 905-775-9292.



Anniversary at the Nook

Nancy Young, owner of Nancy's Nifty Nook, at 152 Holland St. East in Bradford, celebrated the 24th Anniversary of her Bulk & Health Food store with a Customer Appreciation Day, Dec. 1 - and received flowers in appreciation, from one of her customers.

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Lillian Walker.

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Town & Country Show

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a Town & Country Living Show on Saturday, April 13, at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre. Booths are only \$150 for BBT members, \$250 for non-members. For more information on this premiere business opportunity, contact the Board at bradfordboardoftrade.com or 905-778-8727. But hurry - prime booths are going fast! Sponsorship opportunities are available.

In the New Year @ the Library

Looking for a unique gift for a golfer? Consider a ticket for the annual **Friends of the Public Library Golf Tourney**, scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2013 at The Highlands Golf Club of Bradford. \$125 per golfer for lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf, cart, amazing prizes, and a CPGA Pro providing personalized tips on the range. The funds raised support events at the library, including Free Family Saturdays. RSVP to golf@bradford.library.on.ca or call Luisa at 905-775-3328 ext. 6104, and receive a Gift Certificate to put under the tree.

A number of programs will be starting at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, in the new year.

Come to the Library for an afternoon of games and activities inspired by Pete the Cat on Thursday, January 3, in the Zima Room, 1:30 p.m. - for ages 5 and up. Cost is \$3 per person - please pre-register at Borrower Services.

Family movie at the Library - 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 4 in the Zima Room, see Disney's *Brave*. Free, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Kids Groove, with Nikki Forrester, ECE - singing, ribbon movement, puppets, instrumental experimentation and the spoken word. Five week session runs from Jan. 7 to Feb. 4, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. for kids 4 to 23 months, and 10:30 to 11

a.m. for ages 2-6. \$38 per child; \$32 per additional child. Must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register at the Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. West.

International Language After School Program for students in Grades 1 through 8, at the Library - Learn **Tamil** on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 10 to May 30 - Free! Offered through The Learning Centre; classes will be held at the Bradford Public Library. For information, call 705-725-8360 ext. 45160 or visit www.thelearningcentres.com

Free Winter Storytime Sessions begin January 23 & 24 - with registration starting Weds., January 9

Babysitter for Creepers (ages 4-12 months) - Thurs. 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. Must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. **Babysitter for Walkers** (ages 12-23 months) - Thurs. 10:45-11:15 a.m. Must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. **Tales for Twos** (2-3 years) - Weds. 9:45-10:15 a.m. OR 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. Must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Storytime (ages 3 to 6) - Weds. from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. OR 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. OR Thurs. 9:45-10:15 a.m. OR 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Art with Purpose - art classes for ages 6 to 14 at the Bradford Library, Jan. 24 to Feb. 28 on Thurs. evenings, 5:30 to 8 p.m. \$90 per student - sculpture, Print-making, Digital Media and painting. Pre-register.

Family First Night Celebrations

Newmarket has one. So does the City of Barrie. It's the family-friendly First Night Celebration on New Year's Eve - an alcohol-free event that takes place early in the evening, to give families with children an opportunity to celebrate the New Year together.

Now, with the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre open and operating, the Town of BWC plans to host its own Family First Night, on Monday, December 31.

The free event will include free leisure swimming and skating inside the Centre, a children's zone in the gym with Bouncy Castles, and horse-drawn wagon rides and free hot chocolate outside. The event will run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. - followed by a Countdown and mini-fireworks show at 9 p.m., to ring out the old year, and ring in the new.

Newmarket's **Tim Hortons First Night** Celebration takes place

December 31, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Magna Recreation Centre, 800 Mulock Drive. From 5 to about 8:15 p.m., enjoy family entertainment

that includes the Upper Canada Chordmen, Russ, Bandolini 1-man band, Up Juggling, balloon twists, face-painting,

see NEW YEAR Page 21

Happy Holidays from Coats for Kids!



Coats for Kids in Bradford, a grassroots campaign that invites residents to donate good quality, gently-used children's coats, hats, snowsuits, boots, mitts and gloves to ensure that no child has to face a cold Canadian winter unprepared, is CLOSED for the holidays.

The Coats for Kids Depot, located downstairs in the St. Mary's "A" Hall at 31 Frederick St., is staffed entirely by volunteers, most of them from Holy Trinity High School - and when the school is closed, the Depot is closed.

Coats for Kids will reopen on Thursday, January 10, 2013, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. If there is an emergency need, Coats for Kids can be contacted at coats4kids@live.com or call The Bradford Times, 905-775-4471, ext. 223.

Donations can be dropped off at The Times, VideoQuest in the Giant Tiger Plaza, or at Holy Trinity High School - when it reopens after Winter Break.

Above: The volunteers wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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The young singers, dancers and thespians studying the performing arts at MIMPA (Music in Motion) held their Christmas Recitals, December 15 and 16 - before Standing Room Only audiences. There were 4 recitals in all, to ensure that every performer and family could attend - and enjoy the seasonal fun. Coming up: Musical Theatre Classes are being offered in the New Year, at the studio, 150 Artesian Industrial Pkwy. St. classes for ages 8 through 17 include *Gyps and Dolls*, and *Annie Jr.* Junior students ages 5 - 9 will perform *Sleeping Beauty Kids*. For more information, see www.mimpa.ca

Pop-Up Art Market

There will be a Pop-Up Art Market in Alliston, featuring artists, musicians, writers and performers, at 5 Victoria St. East, all December through to January 7. Organized by the South Simcoe Arts Council, the main street project will fill an empty storefront with art and entertainment for a short period of time - a way to revitalize empty, lagging or struggling commercial areas. The store will feature works by Leah Baumann-Farmer, wood turner George Burt, Diana Harding Tucker, Maureen Joyce, Jeannette Luchese, Mary Lucky, Jean Meher, Lisa Rankin, Ingrid Schienko, Siella Wedsworth. Open Mon.-Weds. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sat.-Sun. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Christmas Wishes concerts

Christmas Wishes - an inspiring evening of seasonal music, featuring mezzosoprano Justine Cowie, Sean Derragh on clarinet, soprano Lydia Martin and violinist Charma Matsushige - Saturday, December 22 at 7 p.m., at the Music In Motion Performing Arts studio, 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Available at MIMPA, or call 905-778-0440.

The Newmarket Theatre and York Dance Academy present **"The Nutcracker"** at Newmarket Theatre, 505 Pickering Crescent, on Saturday, December 29 - shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. - and on Sunday, December 30 at 2 p.m. Jeremy Nasmith, former soloist with the National Ballet of Canada will appear as the Prince; Julia Olteanu as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Tickets are \$22 for children under 12, \$27 for Youth and Adults. A family pak (2 adults, 2 children) is available for \$85. Order online at www.newetc.ca or call the Box Office, 905-953-5122.

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MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at

Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of Japan Church basement, 167 Esca St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.org, al-anon.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7:45 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

SUOT SHOUTER CHOR: The Choir is looking for new members. Practices are Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Davis Room of Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. N., Stouffville. www.shouterschoir.ca

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Trans-

lation and Interpretation services, Form completion and document help. Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool and Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$32 per year and \$2 per meeting. For details call Edna, 905-775-9018.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Info. call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE AT COFFEE CULTURE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets socially every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Coffee Culture in Bradford by the fireplace! Exception is the 3rd Tues. of the month, when the Circle meets at the New Bradford Library.

THURS., DEC. 20

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK BARRIE SUPPORT GROUP: Meets 7:30 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society office, 4 Cheekley St. in Barrie. Newly diagnosed men and their ladies are welcomed. For information, call 705-719-9654.

MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET: A Christmas Celebration by Holland Marsh District Christian Church, 7:30 p.m. at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 1468 Sideroad 5 BWG. Note: No access from Canal Road, due to bridge replacement. Please access the church from 5 Sideroad.

MAKE & TAKE CHRISTMAS CRAFT: At the Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. 5 p.m. For pre-schoolers. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229. Free.

FRI., DEC. 21

LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE: Free drop-in program for pre-schoolers and their parent/caregiver at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 10:30 a.m. Books, Stories and Surprises from the Public Library.

SAT., DEC. 22

CHRISTMAS WISHES: A concert of seasonal music, at Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio, 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway, 7 p.m. Features mezzo-soprano, clarinetist Sean Derragh, soprano Lydia

Martin and violinist Charma Matsushige. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 students and seniors. Available at MIMPA, or call 905-778-0440.

SUN., DEC. 23

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: A Christmas tradition, at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, 5 p.m. All welcome - bring your pets.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Trinity United Church (Thornorton) and Cookstown United Church choir perform together in a beautiful Christmas Cantata, 9:30 a.m. in Thornorton, and 11:15 a.m. in Cookstown. All welcome.

MON., DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE AT TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH IN BRADFORD: Family Eucharist at 7 p.m.; traditional Christmas Eve Mass at 11 p.m. at Trinity Anglican, 62 Church St. in Bradford.

TUES., DEC. 25

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH: Holy Communion with Carols, flute, organ, 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Anglican, 62 Church St., Bradford.

MON., DEC. 31

FAMILY FIRST NIGHT: At the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. 6 to 9 p.m. Free swim, skating, bouncy castles in the gym - hot chocolate and horse-drawn wagon rides outside. Mini-fireworks show at 9 p.m. to ring in the new year.

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www.springdalecra.org

Newton Robinson United Church
274 Gorge, 10 Tecumseh,
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 68 west of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available
905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
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St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church
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16 Hearn St. Bond Head, Sunday Eucharist:
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905-775-4552
info@scatharinacatholic.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18035 Dufferin St., R.R. 42 Newmarket
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Rev. Richard Bodin
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
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Holy Marys of Japan Catholic Church
167 Esca St. Bradford 905-775-7038
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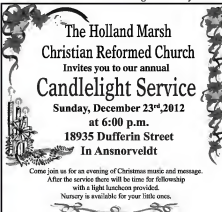
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Church pageants and events

The Holland Marsh District Christian School invites the community to "Miracle on Main Street", on Thursday, December 20, 7:30 p.m. at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 1466 - 5 Sideroad in Bradford West Gwillimbury. A joyful celebration of the Christmas season. Note: The bridge from Canal Road to 5 SR is closed for reconstruction; the church must be accessed from the north, from 5 Sideroad.



Jan Evans, with festive baking at Trinity Anglican Church's Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 17.

The Outdoor Live Nativity Pageant, presented by the Town of Newmarket and The Church of Latter-Day Saints, will take place at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket. A journey to Bethlehem will be performed December 21 to 23 at 7

p.m. and 8 p.m.; and December 24 at 7 p.m. Free admission and hot chocolate. Dress for the weather.

St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church, 36 Hearn St. in Bond Head, **Blessing of the Animals and Pets**, on Sunday, December 23 at 3 p.m. On Christmas Eve, the animals speak - and were present at the Manger! Bring your pets to share the Christmas joy.

There will be a **Christmas Cantata**, performed by the joint choirs of Trinity United in Thornton, and Cookstown United Churches on Sunday, December 23 - at 9:30 a.m. in Thornton, and 11:15 a.m. in Cookstown.



Mary and Joseph approach Bethlehem, in a Christmas Pageant at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church on December 15. The church is holding Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 9:30 p.m. (Spanish) and midnight, and on Dec. 25, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

CrossTrainers' Christmas Update

After 12 years, CrossTrainers' Ministry is stronger than ever.

What started as a single in-school drop-in program at a local High School, has evolved into the Connection Centre, in the Old St. Mary School building at 31 Frederick St., housing The Hub Drop-In Centre for Youth; True Vibe women's program; Man Up (for men), Training for Life leadership programs, "411" emergency network, the Connections Cafe, and the Hand Up Clothing Room. Founder Jodi Greenstreet provided Bradford West Gwillimbury Council with an update of the work of CrossTrainers - made possible, she said, by the Town leasing the space to the organization at a reasonable cost.

411 is "this awesome network," she said, involving agencies and churches in the community. "We can send out an email and get a response on the same day," to everything from a request for furniture, to a need for shelter.

The Hand Up Clothing Room, open Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. and Fridays 6 to 8 p.m., receives support from Giant Tiger, and the whole community. Donations have almost doubled over the past year - but so has the need. And that, said Greenstreet, highlights an ongoing issue: Over the past 12 years, the clients of Hand Up Clothing Room and the neighbouring Helping Hand Food Bank, "haven't changed." She identified a need for a different kind of training, to "change things that can be changed," and provide a new outlook and direction.

Greenstreet also mentioned some of the special Christmas programs planned - including a Christmas Wish program, that asks clients of the Clothing Room what one item they'd want for Christmas.

In the first year, 26 people were asked for their wish. "They were legitimate wishes - boots, shoes, coats" - wishes that were filled. This is the 4th year for the program - this year, fulfilling 86 wishes.

The Connections Centre will be open on Christmas Morning, providing a Christmas Brunch to about 65 people, who may have no other place to go.

CrossTrainers is a Christian organization, but the services provided are non-discriminatory, open to all - and while there may be some cost for some programs, "if you can't afford it, it's free" And it's all based on love. Said Greenstreet, "Jesus' love is ridiculous. How he loved people! I want to mimic that... and see the kind of change that kind of love can make in people's lives."

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MINOR MIDGET

Dec. 8, Bradford Marcon General Contracting Inc./ Aurora Action Sports - 4, East Gwillimbury - 1. Goals by Matt Sorgini, Luke Janse, Jonathan Iordanou and Ian Atkinson, on assists from Iordanou, Brad Leggett, Tarron Boyd, Sorgini, Chris Grant, Daniel Atcheson and Ryan Murphy.

Dec. 13, Bradford Marcon/Aurora Action Sports - 1, Newmarket - 1. Goal by Garrett Gordon from Brad Leggett and Travis Loran.

Dec. 15, Bradford Marcon/Aurora Action Sports - 3, Stouffville - 1. Markers by Travis Loran from Daniel Atcheson and Danny Vilan; Ian Atkinson from Connor James; and James from Atkinson and Loran.

Dominion tankard

The 2013 Dominion Tankard will be held at the Barrie Molson Centre, Feb. 4-11, 2013 - the first time Barrie has hosted a Provincial Championship. For more information about the 2013 championships, see www.thedominationtankard2013.ca. Tickets will be on sale, on line.

BWGMHA House & LL action



Bradford Tyke team #2 sponsored by Scotiabank held a practice December 15 at the new BWG Leisure Centre - followed by a Pizza Party, with a fabulous interactive magic show by Magic Duda. "To me, sport is about building mutual respect and feeling like a family," said coach Frankie Ferragine. And as a parent, about getting the kids so tucked out with activities that they'll settle down.

TYKE DIVISION

Dec. 2, Scotiabank Bradford/Dodge Caravan Tyke #2 - 7, Lefroy #1 - 1. Awesome game, with goals by Nicholas Bruning with a hat trick plus one, singles by Justin Beaudoin, Jacob Wall and Gavin Crane. Assists to Evan Beeston (3), Cole Hammond (2), Charlie Jensen (3), Dustin Andrews, Michael Moran, Ryan Stevens, Beaudoin, Teagan Pare and Wall.

Dec. 8, Thornton - 5, Scotiabank Bradford/Dodge Caravan Tyke #2 - 3. Markers by Nicholas Bruning with a pair, on assists from Meagan Crane, Gavin Crane and Charlie Jensen; with the single by Charlie Jensen from Gavin Crane and Meagan Crane.

Dec. 9, Schomberg #1 - 9, Scotiabank Bradford/Dodge Caravan Tyke #2 - 5. Scoring by Jacob Wall

with a pair (1 unassisted), singles by Ewan Rumble, Justin Beaudoin and Nicholas Bruning (unassisted). Helpers to Beaudoin, Michael Moran, Owen Fraser and Charlie Jensen.

PREEFER LOCAL LEAGUE

Dec. 15, Bradford #2 Scotiabank - 4, Bradford #1 - 2. Bradford #2 markers by Quintin Lavigne with a pair (1 unassisted), Caleb Elliott, and Hunter White. Helpers to Jaymin Murdock (3), Jackson Andrews (2), and Hayden Ryan. Dec. 16, Bradford #2 Scotiabank - 2, Schomberg #1 - 2. Goals by Jackson Andrews from Hunter White and Quintin Lavigne; and Lavigne from Jaymin Murdock. Great team effort - and an outstanding performance in net by Matthew Moran.

Special, for Winter Break!

At the end of this week, school will be out for the Winter Break! The kids won't be returning to class until January 7 in the new year - but don't panic.

There's plenty to do, in Town. To help out, the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Service has put together a School Break Plan that includes Christmas, March Break and PA Day events and activities.

The Planners were distributed through most schools. Any parents who didn't receive the handy booklets can find them at the Leisure Centre, Bob Fallis Sports Complex or Bradford Public Library.

The Simcoe County Museum offers

a Winter Solstice Day Camp for kids, over the winter break, January 2, 3 and 4. Kids ages 6 to 12 can attend one, two or all three days, having fun at the Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 north of Barrie.

January 2 - **Famous Firsts: Explore the Northwest Passage**, stay warm in a snowshelter, and learn why Superman is Canadian!

January 3 - **Sundays and Snowshoes**. Make a clay pot snowman, play Snow Snakes, and explore the Museum's 327 acres on snowshoes!

January 4 - **Mad Science!** Get messy, while discovering the properties of slime, play the molecule game, and experience

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Sports



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Bradford Major Atoms "A" Rep team were finalists in the Midland Silver Stick.

Major Atoms Silver Stick finalists

Bradford's Major Atom "A" Bulldogs played in the Midland Regional Silver Stick, December 7-9, reaching the Championship Final.

Game 1 in Round Robin play, Bradford - 5, New Hamburg - 3. Goals by Ryan Jensen with 2, singles by Weston Torrie and Tyler Mumford, on assists from Carson Cameron, Owen Hodgson, Thomas King and Jackson Carruthers.

Game 2, Bradford - 6, Lindsay - 0. Scoring by Jake Crane, Stuart Heath, Cole Takacs, Weston Torrie, Carson Cameron and Tyler Mumford.

Assists to William Bishop, Dakota Mazurek, Cameron (2), Ryan Jensen, Mumford, Jackson Carruthers, Owen Hodgson. Shutout to Billy Mazanik. Game 3, Bradford - 1, Newmarket - 0. Winning goal by Jake Crane, from Carson Cameron. Shutout to Caleb Garbe.

Semi-Final, Bradford - 3, Midland - 2, in one of the most exciting games of the season. The Bulldogs came back to score late in regulation play, with the goalie out, to send the game into Overtime. Goals by Carson Cameron from Weston Torrie, Thomas King from Cole Takacs - with 36 seconds left on the clock; and with the winner in OT, Stuart Heath from Ryan Jensen and Tyler Mumford. Game MVP - Thomas King

Championship Final, Innisfil - 4, Bradford - 2. Both goals by Carson Cameron (unassisted). Game MVP - Caleb Garbe. Great weekend showing by the team; thank you to the parents for excellent fan support!

In regular season play:

Dec. 11, Bradford Major Atoms - 6, Markham - 2. Goals by Carson Cameron and Ryan Jensen with a pair apiece, singles by Tyler Mumford (unassisted) and William Bishop, on assists from Weston Torrie, Jackson Carruthers (2), Dakota Mazurek, Owen Hodgson and Noah Miranda.

Dec. 12, Bradford - 3, Barrie - 2. Markers by Carson Cameron with 2 (1 unassisted), single by Cole Takacs, with assists to Weston Torrie and Jackson Carruthers.

Dec. 15, Bradford - 2, Noblesburg - 1. Both goals by Carson Cameron - unassisted!



Barb Jennings, left, and Donna Katz promote the new Genesis Gymnastics Studio, located at 401 Dissette St. (units 8 & 9), at the St. Jean de Brebeuf School's Shop-a-Ganza event, November 24. The event offered great local vendors, great bargains, great information - and was a fundraiser for the school.

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Winter Break

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Space in these camp programs is limited. To register for any or all three days of fun, visit www.simcoe.ca or call 705-728-3721. The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 Hwy. 26, north of Barrie.

At the Ontario Early Years Centre- Bradford

Ontario Early Years Centre is located at the BWG Child & Family Centre at 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. The Centre provides age-appropriate toys and programs for children from birth to 6 years of age, and parent resources. Registration required for some programs. Call 905-775-3039, ext. 229, or visit www.simcocommunityyears.ca and click on the Ontario Early Years logo.

Baby Bytes: The Simcoe County Infant Development Program has developed a series of topics related to child development, including Developing routines, Crying, Separation Anxiety, Tummy Time, and more. Available on the Ontario Early Years web page: click on calendar, scroll down to Baby Bytes. The Centre will be closed from Saturday, December 24, 2012, to

Saturday, January 5, 2013.

Register now for the following January programs:

- Little Chefs** - Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m., January 14, 21, 28, and February 4. A new story each week, with related activities that include circle time, food activity and craft, for kids 2 and a half to 5 years of age. Pre-register before Jan. 9.
- Life with Baby** - for first-time parents of children 0 to 10 months. An interactive and informative 10-week program. Meet with professionals, share ideas, get solid information regarding your baby and the topic of the week. Starts Tuesday, January 15, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre. Free. Pre-register by Jan. 11.
- Toddler Tuesdays** - Learn songs and stories to share with your children - 4

week fun and interactive session, filled with singing, dancing and story-telling, for parents and their children ages 2 to 4, at the Centre. Begins Thurs., January 17, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free, but please pre-register by Jan. 11.

Closed for the Holidays

The Young Parent Program for pregnant and parenting youth under the age of 25 is closed for two weeks, starting Monday, Dec. 24 - reopening on Monday, January 7, 2013.

The Mother Care/Next Step program for pregnant and parenting women with children up to 2 years of age is closed for 2 weeks starting Weds., Dec. 26, reopening on Weds., January 9, 2013. For details, call 905-775-1498. All services are free and confidential.



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NEWMAN, David Paul - Suddenly and peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Friday, December 7, 2012. David Newman of Bradford at 68 years of age. Beloved husband of Lynda. Loving father of Emma Newman (Gates Beglin) and Matthew Newman (Laura Slack). Proud grandfather of Marc Griffin and Phoenix. Dear uncle of Jackie (Gary) Keeler. At David's request, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Strohach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford.

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QUINN, James D. - (Member of The Lions Club for over 50 years) Passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2012. Jim Quinn of Bradford and formerly of Orillia in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Edna for 51 years. Loving father of Dale and Scott. Proud grandpa of Brian, Kyle and Emily. Dear great grandpa of Trinity and Jordan. Dear brother of Florence, late Dufferin, late Martha and Claudia. Jim will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. At Jim's request, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Arrangements entrusted to SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford.

*Long days, long nights, you bore the pain
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Community news

Constable Les is retiring

There were plenty of jokes and one-liners at the informal Retirement Party for Special Constable Les Bluestein, held December 18 at South Division.

And why not? S/P/C Bluestein's 27 years of service

in policing have been marked by a 'unique mix of humour, intelligence and pragmatism,' said South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, who he presented the Special Constable with a certificate, a plaque, and a watch. At times, the banter resembled a comedy routine - with the zingers flying back and forth - but in the end, Bluestein was serious, as he thanked friends, colleagues, family members and the community for their support.

"I don't know what to say - I went by like that," he said, snapping his fingers. "Every day was an adventure and I loved everything about it."

"I've had a great time. I guess it's time for me to retire - but what I'm going to miss most is the people."

S/P/C Bluestein started his career as an Auxiliary officer with the Toronto Police Service, then joined the Durham Regional Police, before coming to Bradford West Gwillimbury in 1993. He helped set up a Scenes of Crime lab in Bradford; following amalgamation of the South Simcoe Police Service in 1997, he continued to work with the Auxiliaries, and as a Community Service Officer in the schools.

Recently, he helped launched the new School Resource Officer program in South Simcoe's 3 high schools, rotating between the schools, and connecting with the students. Friday, December 21 is his final day on the job.

Photo: New comedy troupe? Chief Rick Beazley and S/P/C Bluestein, at retirement party.



South Simcoe Police Auxiliaries honoured

On December 12, South Simcoe Police held an Auxiliary Appreciation Night, to thank the Service's 30 civilian volunteers.

To date in 2012, the South Simcoe Police Auxiliary Unit has volunteered 3,377 hours in both Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil - over one-third of those hours at community events like CarrolFest, Summerfest in Innisfil, and the BWG Santa Claus Parade.

The Auxiliary Service also supports patrol and marine unit patrols, and emergency call-outs. "These unpaid volunteers show their support for South Simcoe Police, by giving back to their community," said Dan Blakeley, executive director at Rock 95/KOOL FM, as he emceed the event.

Several awards were presented. Auxiliary Constable Chris Moran and Aux. Sgt. Frank Johnson both received **Outstanding Achievement Awards**, for their continued

dedication to the Unit.

Auxiliary Const. Julian Van Rijn was presented with a **Meritorious Action Award**, for his actions at a fatal motor vehicle collision on October 28, 2012.

Aux. Const. Mary-Ellen Patrick received the **Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award** in recognition of her professionalism, commitment to the police service and positive attitude.

Being a volunteer allows citizens to experience policing first hand. Over the years, many Auxiliaries have gone on to full-time employment, with South Simcoe and other police services - including York Regional Police, Toronto Police, Barrie Police and OPP.

Former Auxiliary Const. Jeff Cowie was recently hired by South Simcoe Police, and Aux. Jon Day was hired by Toronto Police.

3 arrested for Arson in Bradford West Gwillimbury

South Simcoe Police announced on Thursday, December 13, that after a lengthy investigation, and with the assistance of York Regional Police, Barrie Police, Waterloo Regional Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police, three men have been arrested in connection with a series of arsons that occurred in Bradford West Gwillimbury in 2010.

Starting early that year, the Town saw a number of barns and abandoned homes set ablaze, under suspicious circumstances. All of the houses were in the rural part of Town, were unoccupied at the time, and did not have power. The barns and storage sheds were used to store farm machinery or crops. Two of the homes were of historical significance, including a home on the 6th Line.

Arrested and charged are a 25 year old BWG male, with 3 counts of Arson-Damage to Property, 4 counts of Break and Enter, 3 counts of Theft over \$5,000, 3 counts of Possession of Stolen Property, 3 counts of Mischievous over \$5,000, and conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence. A 22 year old Beeton male is charged with 3 counts of Arson-Damage to Property, 4 counts of Break and Enter, 3 counts of Theft

over \$5000, 3 counts of Possession of Stolen Property, and 3 counts of Mischievous over \$5,000.

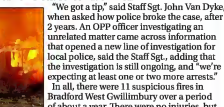
The third man, a 22 year old Bradford West Gwillimbury male, was charged with 1 count of Arson-Damage to Property, and one count of Break & Enter. He was released from custody, with a court date in January; the other two suspects were held for a bail hearing.

The Arson charges relate to fires that destroyed 2 homes on the 6th Line, and a barn located at 5 Sideroad and the 13th Line. The four Break and Enter took place at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

"We got a tip," said Staff Sgt. John Van Dyke, when asked how police broke the case, after 2 years. An OPP officer investigating an unrelated matter came across information that opened a new line of investigation for local police, said the Staff Sgt., adding that the investigation is still ongoing, and "we're expecting at least one or two more arrests."

In all, there were 11 suspicious fires in Bradford West Gwillimbury over a period of about a year. There were no injuries, but damage was extensive.

Photo by Paul Novosad: Inferno on 6th Line.



Zoning for St. John's?

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Zoning is more important."

In the end, Councillors proposed an amendment, that would approve the Comprehensive Zoning By-law - save and except any reference to 2940-10 Sideroad - "I share the vision others have, to be as flexible as we can," said Mayor Doug White. "At the same time I am wary about making decisions on the fly, against the recommendations of staff."

He proposed an amendment to the amendment - asking for a staff report on the St. John's Presbyterian Church property, to come back to Council in February, well in advance of the next OMB hearing.

The amendment was passed.

R.I.D.E. Campaign

RIDE from Page 1

was stopped, and the driver was arrested for Over .080. His licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle - which belonged to his mother - was impounded for 7 days. Court date in January.

Dec. 13 - Just before 9:45 p.m., a RIDE check was set up on Canal Road - and received a report of a possible impaired driver, who had exited Hwy. 400 onto Canal Rd. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver, a 41 year old Bradford man, was arrested for impaired, and returned to the station for breath tests which registered over the legal limit. The driver was charged with impaired and Over .080; his passenger in the vehicle was his 11 year old daughter. The daughter was picked up at the scene by her mother and the Children's Aid Society was notified. The driver received a 90 day suspension, and his vehicle was impounded for 7 days.

Shortly after 2 a.m. on Dec. 14, a vehicle westbound on County Rd. 88 near Bradford was stopped, and the driver was found to have consumed alcohol. The 31 year old Brampton male registered a WARN on the roadside screening device - but because he was already a suspended driver, his vehicle was impounded for 7 days, his licence suspended for 3 days, and he was charged with Drive while under Suspension, and G1 Licence - Operate Motor vehicle with a Blood Alcohol Concentration over 0.

15 - Officers conducted a RIDE program at the 10th St and 10th Line - and observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed - tracked at 202 kmph - approached the RIDE Checkpoint. Officers stopped the vehicle, and discovered the driver was impaired by alcohol. A 22 year old Innisfil man was arrested for Dangerous Driving, and Impaired Care and Control of a Motor Vehicle, and taken to the Mobile Command Post for further tests. He was subsequently charged with Impaired, Excess Alcohol, Dangerous Driving, Stunt Driving in excess of 50 kmph over the posted speed limit, and Speeding 202 kmph in a posted 80 kmph zone. The man's licence was suspended for 90 days, plus a further 7 days suspension for Stunt Driving. The vehicle, which belonged to a 22 year old Barrie woman, was impounded for 7 days.

"We've had some pretty significant stops," said South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley, describing this year's "active" Festive RIDE campaign at the December 17 Police Services Board meeting. "Every time we take an impaired driver off the road, that's another potential death on an Ontario road (prevented)."

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